

NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of North Tawton Town Council at the Council Offices on **Tuesday 1st May 2012 at 7.15 pm.**

Present: Cllr Dr. P Brickley Cllrs Mrs G Hoggins
Cllr I MacLeod Cllr Mrs J Morgan
Cllr N Morgan (Chairman) Cllr Mrs J Rosser

Seven members of the public were in attendance.

Ms Wareing of 40 High Street addressed the council regarding steps that she had built into the park bank at the rear of 40 High Street. Mrs Wareing felt the steps were beneficial to the park and could be seen as “looking after the park” thus reducing any misbehaviour and felt that these were valid reasons that the Town Council should allow her access to the park. Her property was the only property back onto the park that had a bank. She hoped that Councillors would bear this in mind when making a decision later in the meeting. Councillors ask Mrs Wareing various questions.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs C Burrow, Cllr K Hodge, Cllr Mrs D Rice and Cllr P Ward.
2. **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Mrs G Hoggins declared an interest in Planning Application No. 02541/2012 North Tawton Rugby Club.
3. **Annual Meeting - Elections**
Cllr N Morgan was elected as Chairman and Cllr Mrs G Hoggins Vice-Chairman. Cllrs Mrs G Hoggins was elected at Chairman of the Planning and Estates Committee and Cllr N Morgan as Vice-Chairman. Cllr I MacLeod was elected as Chairman of the Finance Committee and Cllrs Mrs J Rosser was elected as Vice-Chairman.
4. **Minutes of the Previous Meetings**
 - 4.1 The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held in the Council Offices on 3rd April 2012 were agreed and signed by Cllr Mrs G Hoggins.
5. **Updates**
 - 5.1 The Chairman updated the Council on various issues including an apology received from Richard Sheard, Chief Executive of West Devon Borough Council who was unable to attend the Annual Town Meeting on 14th April. The Clerk was requested to ask Richard Sheard if he could attend another meeting. The next Parish Super Link meeting was to be held at Hatherleigh on the 16th May. The Chairman would be attending as Ward Member and Cllr Mrs J Morgan as the Town Council representative. A letter had been received from North Tawton Primary School inviting Members and

the Clerk to an event on 1st June. Members were asked to inform the Clerk if they would be attending.

5.2 Cllr Mrs J Rosser and Cllr Dr P Brickley updated Member on the Den Brook Community Council meetings. Bow Parish Council have now agreed to the 80/20 calculation. (80% on population and 20% split between 5 parishes. Members were delighted with the outcome and thanked both Cllr Mrs J Rosser and Cllr Dr P Brickley. The next step was how to allocate the money. RES are appealing against the noise condition.

5.2 Mrs C Hughes to updated Members regarding the North Tawton Community Games and Culture Week 2012. The official T-shirts were modelled, which are available from the Post Office priced £2.50 for all sizes. Brochures were to be printed by the end of the week, and a press release was being sent to the BBC, Okehampton Times, Western Morning News and Radio Devon. Thanks were made to Geoff Cause, Matt Jones and Rosemarie and Nigel Davies. Entries were being received for the marquee event and the scarecrow competition. Invitations from the Primary School were being sent to other businesses. The main event "Fun in the Park", it was requested that Golden Leaf Landscapes do a really good cut and clear up on Friday 1st June. Contingency money was available to pay for this extra work.

5.3 Cllrs. Dr. P Brickley and I Macleod updated members on the Wallingbrook meeting. The purpose of the meeting was the effects changes in the Health Service would have which takes effect in April 2013. The effect the closure of the pharmacy would have on the town was the biggest concern. North Tawton Patients Participation Group met twice a month, which was proving useful. The Clerk was request to invite the owners of the pharmacy to a meeting with the Town Council.

6. Ongoing issues

The 'Action Log' was updated:

Barton Street Light – the matter would be taken up with Cllr McInnes on Thursday 3rd May.

Snow Warden – the notice in the October edition of the Roundabout was to make clear the Snow Warden Scheme.

7. Steps in the Park – rear of 40 High Street – previous Minute No. 9.2 (10/11)

After some discussion it was resolved that the steps that had been built on the bank in the park at the rear of 40 High Street should not be allowed and the steps should be removed and not be replaced at any time. The bank should be reinstated to its original state. The Clerk was requested to take legal advice on the legalities of access into the park from adjacent properties.

8. Infrastructure Planning

After some discussion it was resolved that the matter be deferred and should be raised at the next Planning and Estates Committee.

9. State of our Streets

After some discussion it was resolved that the consideration of supporting the Living Street “State of our Streets” campaign to lobby the Government be deferred and should be raised at the next Planning and Estates Committee.

- 10. Queen’s Diamond Jubilee event – Exeter Cathedral 27th May 2012**
After some discussion it was resolved that Cllr Mrs Rosser should attend the event with her husband, Brian.
- 11. Regeneration in North Tawton**
After some discussion it was resolved that Devon Heartlands Community Development Trust should be invited to a special meeting of the Town Council to discuss regeneration in North Tawton and also to consider whether they could help producing a town plan as mentioned at the Town Meeting.
- 12. Rural Futures: Working Together**
The conference on 28th September 2012 at Exeter Racecourse was noted.
- 13. Armed Force Day – Fly a Flag**
The request from Ministry of Defence regarding flying an Armed Forces Day on 30th June 2012 was agreed. The Clerk was requested to purchase an Armed Forces Day flag.
- 14. Update on recent vandalism in the town**
The Clerk updated Members on recent vandalism in the town. Part of the stone wall in the park adjacent to High Street has been vandalised. Michael Thorne has been requested to make repairs. Slats in the Park Pavilion have been torn down. Kevin Rice has been requested to make repairs. Also yellow spray paint has been sprayed on the wall tiles in the Public Conveniences. All three cases have been reported to the Police. The Clerk was requested to ask the PCSO to attend a future meeting of the Town Council.
- 15. Dog Warden Scheme**
The matter of joining WDBC’s Dog Warden Scheme was discussed and it was resolved that we should join. It was suggested that a grant may be available from Cllr J McInnes and the Clerk was requested to complete the grant aid form for submission.
- 16. Plan to revamp local bus subsidy**
The document outlining the proposal to revamp local bus subsidy was noted
- 17. Golden Leaf Landscaping report**
The April report received from Golden Leaf Landscaping was noted. The Clerk was requested to contact Golden Leaf Landscaping regarding grass cuttings being left on the path in the Church Yard.

PLANNING MATTERS

- 18.** The following planning applications were considered:
18.1 02500/2012 6 The Square, North Tawton
Change of use of shop to shop and residential and alterations to shop front (west elevation)
No objection.

18.2 02557/2012 The Old Rectory, Essington, North Tawton

Listed Building application for the removal of existing window and replacement with a door.

No objection.

18.3 02541/2012 North Tawton Rugby Club, Taw Meadow Playing Fields, Fore Street, North Tawton

Erection of single storey extension to existing kitchen and addition of canopy. Cllr Mrs G Hoggins left the room whilst the application was discussed.

No objection.

19. The following decisions of West Devon Borough Council were considered

19.1 01992/2011 Old Woollen Mill, Mill Lane, North Tawton

List Building application – works to listed building associated with conversion to residential use

Condition Consent 28/2/12

Noted.

19.2 02304/2012 Ashridge Court, Ashridge Lane, North Tawton

Establishment on whether planning application 6889/204/OKE for change of use of barn to residential use has been implemented and is thus extant.

Consent 29/3/12

Noted

19.3 02299/2012 Fountain Inn, Exeter Street, North Tawton, EX20 2HB

Conversion of loft space to create two flats.

Refused 2/4/12

Noted.

20. Finance

20.1 Invoices. Members inspected invoices and bank statement and appropriate payments were made in accordance with bank mandate.

20.2 Monthly statement – Members received the monthly statement and agreed to make appropriate transfer from reserve accounts to current account to allow payments to be made.

21. Urgent matters at discretion of Chairman

There were no urgent items.

21. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Council shall be Wednesday 6th June 2012.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.